# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SCHEMES FOR NRIS/PIOS
SURESH CHANDEL

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the NRIs and the persons of Indian origin living abroad have vast potential for the intellectual management and entrepreneurial resources;

(b) if so , whether the Government have formulated any scheme to use this potential for the development of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi,MP has recently submitted its report. The Report, among other things, has taken into account the vast potential the NRIs/PIOs possess in several fields including education, science & technology, industry & trade. Report has recommended several measures to utilize their expertise for the development of the country. These recommendations are presently under examination of the Government.